

House Resolution 1258

By: Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Beverly of the 143rd, Gilliard of the 162nd, Mitchell of the 88th, and Bennett of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Horace King; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Horace King was a former slave who rose to a position of prominence and
3 power as a result of his extraordinary genius and craftsmanship as a master builder of more
4 than 100 covered bridges throughout Georgia and neighboring states; and

5 WHEREAS, as a highly respected and literate individual, he served four years in the
6 Alabama State Legislature after the Civil War and is credited with building the magnificent
7 self-supporting wooden staircase featured in the Alabama State Capitol; and

8 WHEREAS, he utilized his expertise to build wagon and railroad bridges as well as stores,
9 houses, and LaGrange Academy, the first school for Black individuals in LaGrange, Georgia;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, he was blessed with one remarkable daughter and four wonderful sons, all of
12 whom worked as part of the family business and built structures in LaGrange and east
13 Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, Horace King was buried in an unmarked grave in LaGrange, but the works of
15 this brilliant builder are a living legacy of his talent.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Horace King as well as acknowledge
18 his many outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the State of Georgia and beyond.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 public and the press.